Nutrition research in India

397. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the over-all budgetary allocation to nutrition research in India at present;

(b) what percentage does it represent out of the total budgetary allocations;

(c) whether it is a fact that the budgetary allocation to nutrition research today represents a tiny fraction of the allocation to several other sectors;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the tardy and inefficient implementation of the nutrition programme in the country, and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to make it effective and more efficient?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (e) The budget for nutrition of the Indian Council for Medical Research for the year 1987-88 is given below:

Intramural—National Institute of Nutrition Hyderabad—Rs. 246.98 lakhs.

Extramural—for Task Force and adhoc programmes—Rs 143.39 lakhs.

The budget for Indian Council for Medical Research for 1988-89 is Rs. 33 crores.

The Indian Council for Medical Research has recently conducted an evaluation of National Nutritional Anaemia Prophylaxis Programme (MNAP) in 11 states of India. The States covered were Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, of the Indian Council of Medical Research had carried out an evaluation of the Massive dose Vitamin A Prophylaxis programme in 1978. The following states were covered under the evaluation:—

Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

The result, of the evaluation showed that the massive dose Vitamin A Prophylaxis Programme is biologically effective. However, the administrative aspects need to be improved considerably. These include a proper orientation of the staff concerned, good recording system, preparation of the community for utilising the programme, ensuring that supplies match the needs and proper accounting of the drugs received.

Nursing Institute in Kerala

398. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether any decision has ben takn to set up a Nursing Institute in Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): The matter is under consideration.

Inspection of Sweets by PFA during Diwali

399. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during Dewali there was a tendency of manufacturers/wholesalers of Sweets, namkeens, dry fruits, biscuits, confectionery to dispose of state/sub-standard food items due to increase public demand;

(b) if so whether the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi had inspected all the manufacturers/wholesalers of such items during Dewali; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor:

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Delhi Administration, on the occasion of Dewali, the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi had launched a special drive to check the quality of food stuffs, especially sweets, namkeens dry fruits etc.